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(54) **Method for determining the attenuation of a PCM signal over a digital channel**

(57) A method of determining digital channel attenuation; comprising the steps of: receiving a known training sequence of PCM codes, which PCM codes are subjected to the attenuation within the digital channel; quantizing the received known training sequence of PCM codes according to a predetermined thresholding procedure; identifying identical PCM codes created as a result of the thresholding procedure; and, determining the attenuation of the digital channel based upon the identification of identical PCM codes. A method is also disclosed for determining a digital channel PCM code transformation comprising receiving a known training sequence of PCM codes, which PCM codes are subjected to the PCM code transformation within the digital channel, quantizing the received known training sequence of PCM codes according to a predetermined thresholding procedure, and determining the transformation of transmitted codes to those received. A method is also disclosed for improved echo cancellation in a communications network having an analog and a digital modem, comprising saving codes transmitted from the digital modem to the analog modem for echo cancellation, transforming, by a mapping table, codes transmitted from said digital modem to codes received by the analog modem, and, using the received codes as a reference signal for cancellation of echo. A method of improved spectral shaping using a transmit shaping transfer function in a communications network having

an analog and a digital modem, comprising, transforming, by a mapping table, codes transmitted from the digital modem to codes received by the analog modem, using the received codes for transformation to their linear value equivalent representations, and, applying the linear value representations to the transmit shaping transfer function.



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1. Claims: 1-3

Method of determining digital channel attenuation.

2. Claim : 4

Method of echo cancellation.

3. Claim : 5

Method of spectral shaping.

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